In claim 9, line 1, please replace "according to claim 1, 2 or 3" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 10, line 1, please replace "according to claim 1, 2 or 3" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 11, line 1, please replace "according to claim 1, 2 or 3" with --according to claim 1--.

## <u>REMARKS</u>

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to remove multiple dependencies from the following claims: 7,8,9,10 and 11.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at 952-912-0527.

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